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SUBJECT: MUBARAK RETURNED: NO APPARENT PROGRESS IN SAHARA

1. AS EXPECTED, VP MUBARAK RETURNED TO CAIRO MORNING
FEBRUARY 5 (CAIRO 1509). FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION
OF CAIRO RADIO'S VERSION OF HIS REMARKS AT AIRPORT CEREMONY:

"DUE TO TRUST AND APPRECIATION OF CONCERNED PARTIES FOR
PRESIDENT SADAT'S ROLE...IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DEFUSE EXPLOSIVE
SITUATION IN AREA. ALGERIA, MOROCCAN AND MAUTITANIAN
HEADS OF STATE SHOWED FLEXIBILITY, WISDOM AND THAT THEY
COULD RISE TO THEIR HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THEY AGREED
TO EGYPTIAN VIEW OF (NECESSITY OF) AVOIDING ANY ARAB BLOODSHED
EXCEPT THAT SHED IN DEFENSE OF ARAB NATION...CLASHES IN AREA

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WOULD HAVE LEAD TO COMPLICATIONS AND ESCALATION MAKING

POLITICAL SOLUTION DIFFICULT...ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN PREPARED
FOR DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES SO THAT MATTERS
MAY RESUME THEIR PROPER PROPRITION IN CONFORMITY WITH
BORTHERLY TIES EXISTING BETWEEN PEOPLE OF CONCERNED
STATES.

"WE ARE WATCHING THE EFFORTS WHICH...WILL BE EXERTED
IN COMING DAYS. EGYPT WILL ALWAYS BE READY TO HELP PUSH
FORWARD SUCH EFFORTS."

2. MUBARAK CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE WAS CARRYING MESSAGE
FROM HASAN TO SADAT, BUT WE DID NOT HEAR HIM MENTION MESSAGE
FROM BOUMEDIENNE.

3. COMMENT: UNLESS JBARAK IS HOLDING BACK POSITIVE NEWS
SO THAT SADAT CAN HIMSELF MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT, IT WOULD
APPEAR THAT EGYPTIAN MEDIATION HAS NOT BROUGHT ABOUT CAIRO
CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS THAT GOE WAS TRYING TO ARRANGE.
NVERTHELESS, BY TAKING ON MEDIATION ROLE, SADAT HAS
AVOIDED BEING GORED BY EITHER HORN OF HIS SHARAN
DILEMNA. AS LONG AS EGYPT KEEPS UP MEDIATION ACTIVITY,
SADAT CAN AVOID GRAVE EMBARRASSMENT CREATED BY FACT THAT
BOTH ALGERIA AND MOROCCO HAVE DEMANDED HIS EXCLUSIVE SUPPORT.
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